

*Position Available*

# Park Interpreter

## Massachusetts State Parks and Recreation Western Gateway Heritage State Park

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### **LOCATION:**

A former railroad yard, this urban park, located in North Adams, uses historical artifacts and exhibits to bring to life the controversial and danger-filled construction of the Hoosac Tunnel, one of the greatest engineering feats of the 19th century. The tunnel was dug 4.75 miles through Hoosac Mountain, linking Massachusetts to Albany, NY. 200 men lost their lives building the tunnel, which is still being used today. An audio-visual presentation takes visitors back in time, where the sounds of dripping water, pickaxes against stone, explosions, and debates re-create the hardships and heroism of the tunnel's construction.

For more information, visit <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/western/wghp.htm>.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Park Interpreter performs various interpretive, educational and administrative tasks in the operation of Visitor Services and Interpretation. Tasks include staffing an information desk/kiosk, providing visitor information and orientation, researching, developing and presenting a variety of interpretive and recreational programs that reflect the natural, cultural and historical themes of the park. Coordination of special events and programs independently or in partnership with other public or private organizations is required.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Applicants must be at least eighteen years old, possess a basic knowledge of natural and cultural history, have experience working with the public, hold solid communications skills, have the ability to follow oral and written instructions, and the ability to work in a team setting. Valid Drivers license and reliable transportation required.

### **EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:**

Position begins mid June and ends early October. Park Interpreters work a forty-hour week (which includes weekends, holidays, and some nights). The salary is \$459.79/week; employees are paid bi-weekly. Uniforms and training are provided. Park housing is not.

### **TO APPLY:**

Please send a Cover Letter, Resume and DCR Seasonal Application Form (available at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/employment.htm>) to:

Attn: Kristin Karl-Carnahan  
Bureau of Ranger Services  
MA Department of Conservation & Recreation  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 800  
Boston, MA 02114

RE: Western Gateway Park Interpreter



**Applications will be accepted until position is filled.**

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